

Saint Mary

of the Annunciation Catholic Church



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

(+Steve Stravolo requested by Chris & Mike Nowark)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

(+Mary Lou O'Leary requested by George & Lee Ann Rung)

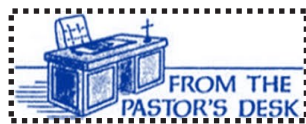
SUNDAY 11:00 AM

(+Sarah "Becky" Boone requested by Mark & Deborah Matheny)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Office Hours 9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday - Thursday)

Monday, March 4	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 5	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 6	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS
Thursday, March 7	9:00 AM Adoration; 10:00 AM MASS ; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Food Pantry
Friday, March 8	Church closed for cleaning in AM; 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (<i>Obligatory day of abstinence</i>)
Saturday, March 9	8:00 AM Spring Clean Up; 1:00 PM Reconciliation Workshop; 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM Confessions; 5:00 PM MASS (<i>Rhonda Pincombe</i>)
Sunday, March 10	4th Sunday of Lent - 8:30 AM MASS (+Patricia Phillips requested by Jennifer <i>Kost-Phillips</i>); 9:30 AM Religious Education; 9:45 AM Spanish Rosary; 11:00 AM MASS



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving: The Three Pillars

Three key pillars characterize the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity).

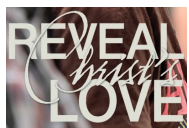
The [USCCB tells us](#) that during Lent, “we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.”

While most Catholics are familiar with “no meat on Fridays” during Lent, fasting and abstinence are important components throughout Lent. This may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer.

Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus’s call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. This past vacation I visited Saint Joseph’s Aid Society in Uganda which takes care of the poor, abandoned, neglected and orphans. It was so touching to see that the home lacks beds, mattresses, blankets, and sheets for many of these children. How about giving alms for this cause? If you want to donate, make out a check to Saint Mary’s and put St. Joseph Aid Society Kigando Uganda in the memo line.



And lastly: Prayer. Formed is a great resource available free of charge for the parishioners to explore. Click on “FORMATION” on our website.



Next week, our second collection will be for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to this collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Saint Mary’s Weekly Giving Report

Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website.
God Bless You All

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Jan 21 to Jan 27		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,362	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,295	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,657	\$ 118,280
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 133,500
Over/Under	\$ (793)	\$ (15,220)

ST PATRICK'S DAY ADULT DANCE WITH DJ RON

FREE FREE FREE

March 16th 7-10 pm

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE
(BYOB)



Bring an appetizer or dessert to share
LET'S ALL BE IRISH FOR THE NIGHT!



Got a Sweet Tooth?

Bake Sale This Sunday, March 3rd, after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

It is a “BY DONATION” bake sale so that means there are no prices just whatever you can afford gets you a treat! Cash and checks will be accepted and all proceeds will be donated to the grounds committee to help with the clean up and buying supplies to prepare the church grounds for Easter! We will set up at 9:15 AM.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



MARCH 3—REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
MARCH 10—CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
MARCH 17—EASTER FLOWERS
MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 31—EASTER



LENT

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday, Feb 16th– March 22nd

Obligatory day of abstinence

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22nd—**Lenten Reconciliation Service**

7:00 PM Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 24th - **Palm Sunday**

Regular Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, March 28th -**Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 29th -**Good Friday**

Obligatory day of fasting and abstinence

2:15 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th - **Easter Vigil**

8:00 PM Saturday Mass

Sunday, March 31st - **Easter**

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

*The
Season
of
Lent*



BE RECONCILED TO GOD!

The Season of Lent is a traditional time when Catholics experience the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here at Saint Mary of the Annunciation church, this Sacrament is available each Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:50 PM. **On Friday, March 22nd, we will gather in our church at 7:00 PM for a Lenten Reconciliation celebration.** We begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, and then there will be several priests available for individual confessions. Please join us during this holy season as we proclaim God's mercy!



Stations of the Cross each Friday starting at 7:00 PM throughout the Lenten Season. There are books provided to follow along. Please considering joining with your Parish family to follow Jesus on his journey each Friday evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



*IT'S TIME TO BEAUTIFY OUR GARDENS
FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATION!*

Saturday March 9th

8:00AM – 12:00PM

Rain or Shine!

*We really need your help!
Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex!*

Thank You!

FOOD PANTRY IS STILL IN NEED OF
THE FOLLOWING:



**MAC & CHEESE and
INSTANT POTATOES**



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

4 MARCH 2024 : **Second Kings 5: 1-15; Psalms 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Luke 4: 24-30**

5 MARCH 2024 : **Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18: 21-35**

6 MARCH 2024 : **Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5: 17-19**

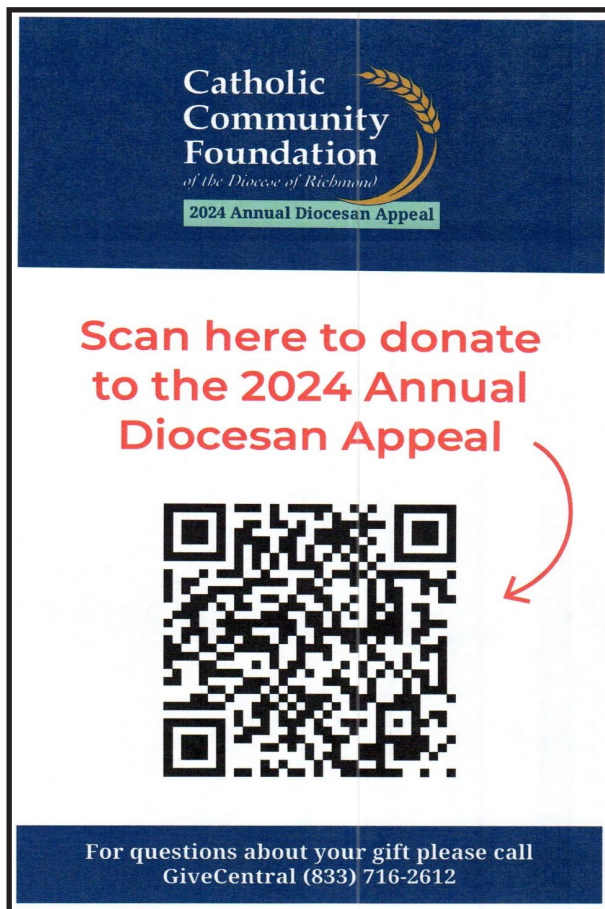
7 MARCH 2024 : **Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11: 14-23**

8 MARCH 2024 : **Day of Abstinence from Meat
Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalms 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17;
Mark 12: 28-34**

9 MARCH 2024 : **Hosea 6: 1-6; Psalms 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Luke 18: 9-14**

10 MARCH 2024 - **Fourth Sunday Of Lent
2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Ephe-
sians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21**

Community/Diocesan Events



Catholic Community Foundation
of the Diocese of Richmond
2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Scan here to donate to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Thad (Pete) Beach, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., Emily Bolecek, John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilyynn Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Jack Cook, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Vikki Mahoney, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Christina Russell, Victoria Russell, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjie Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Diane Sinlock, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Judy Yanas

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

Names will be removed after 6 months. If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

GOD BLESS



SPRING OPEN HOUSE: Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its final Open House on Tuesday, March 19th, from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet the teachers, take a tour and find out what it means to be a Warrior!
www.saintmichaelhs.org/open-house

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and Anointing of the Sick, or to receive a home visit or home blessing. Call the office at 804-448-9064.